Import of raw sugar

1616. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to import raw sugar for reprocessing by sugar factories and distribution through the public distribution system is being considered by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The Government have not yet taken any decision on the proposal to import raw sugar for reprocessing into white sugar by some sugar factories in the country.

Export of Fish

1617. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of fish exported during the last three years; and

(b) the amount earned thereby?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The quantity and value of exports of marine products during the last three years were:

Year	Quantity (Tonnes)	Value (Rs. crores)
1982-83	78175	361.36
1983-84	92691	373.02
1984-85	86187	384.29

Steps to meet balance of payment difficulties

1618. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter of major thrust commodities for promoting exports to meet the balance of payment difficulties, including the role of Export Promotion Councils, export houses, SSI units, advance duty free licensing, handicrafts, handlooms, cottage industries and garment sector etc.?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): The policy frame-work evolved for promoting exports of major thrust commodities include measures to increase supply availability for exports and improvement in the quality of the goods. Action has also been taken to strengthen institutional back up and infrastructure, for promoting exports of these commodities.

Turnover of retail outlets under National Textile Corporation

1619. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present number of retail outlets with the National Textile Corporation to push through the textile goods manufactured by the mills belonging to National Textile Corporation; and

(b) what is the total turnover of all the retail outlets every year during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) At present there are 413 showrooms of NTC throughout country.

(b) The total turnover of the retails, outlets under NTC is given below:—

Year	Total Turnover
	(Rs. in crores)
1983-84	13·00
1984-85 . . .	28·00
1985-86	25·50
(April to Dec. '85)	

Utilisation of funds of persnos coming from Gulf countries

1620. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government is aware of the fact that the persons returning from Gulf countries are bringing lakhs of rupees to India; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government has drawn any plans to mobilise their funds for the development activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Information in regard to remittances from Gulf countries separately is not maintained.

(b) All foreign exchange earnings of the country including inward remittances, are pooled with RBI and utilised in the best interest of the economic development of the country.

Reports against unfair labour practices by the Hindustan Lever Limited

1621. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1157 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd August, 1985 regarding unfair labour practice being committed by the Hindustan Lever Limited and state:

(a) whether reports in this regard have been received from the various State Government/Delhi Administration under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Delhi Administration, of the three industrial disputes in adjudication, one relating to the transfer of two employees to Gorakhpur and Barelli which was before the Industrial Tribunal, Delhi, has been amicably settled between the parties and a 'no-dispute' award passed by the Tribunal. In the second dispute regarding withdrawal of canteen facilities and freezing of Dearness Allowance which was referred for adjudication by the Industrial Tribunal, Delhi, the management has filed a writ petition before the Delhi High Court challenging the order of reference where the matter is *sub-judice*. Inthe third dispute concerning the filling up of vacancies in the year 1966 which has been referred for adjudication, the order of reference was challenged by the management in the Delhi High Court which has upheld the contention of the management that the issue raised was not in the nature of an industrial dispute. The workers' union has filed an appeal against this order before the Supreme Court where the matter is *sub-judice*. According to the Government of Maharashtra, a dispute relating to the demand for Dearness Allowance for monthly rated workers in the Company's Bombay establishment is pending before the Industrial Tribunal since 1977. Reports from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal in the matter are awaited.

Tax arrears

1622. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government publish figures of tax arrears demands which include disputed demands;